

# ***IMPORTANT NOTICE***

October 31, 2003

Dear WIC Vendor:

We are currently shipping a supply of our 2003 WIC Authorized Foods List to all WIC vendors. During the transition to the new list, we request that you honor both lists. **The effective end date for the transition to the new foods list will be March 1, 2004.** This will allow us time to ensure that all WIC Participant's have received the new list. After that date, you should only allow WIC customers to purchase those foods found on the October 2003 Authorized Foods List. Attached is a summary of the changes to the foods list.

We anticipate that there may be some confusion during this transition and plan to be as lenient as possible with vendor violations. The new foods list is currently being covered at Annual Vendor Training. **There are a number of sessions still available should you want to take advantage of this opportunity.** We hope you find the new foods list helpful and welcome your feedback. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or call us toll free at 1-800-242-4WIC (4942).

Sincerely,

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cc: Local WIC Agencies